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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTATION: PARAGUAY

REF: STATE 177789

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO  
REQUEST CONTAINED PARAS 2) AND 3) REFTEL.

2. A SPECIAL PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO IMPORT FIREARMS AND/OR  
AMMUNITION FOR COMMERCIAL RESALE. THE PERMIT IS VALID  
ONLY FOR ONE OPERATION (ONE IMPORTATION). THE PERMIT IS  
ISSUED BY THE "POLICIA DE LA CAPITAL". ANY FIRM OF  
"GOOD REPUTATION" CAN OBTAIN A PERMIT. NO SPECIFIC  
CRITERIA EXISTS. IN GENERAL, PERMITS ARE ISSUED ONLY  
TO IMPORT AND SELL "HUNTING FIREARMS AND/OR AMMUNITION."  
HOWEVER, HAND GUNS ARE ALSO INCLUDED, UP TO CALIBER 38.

3. BY LAW, THE IMPORTATION OF "WAR GUNS", BEGINNING WITH  
CALIBER 45 (PARABELLEM) IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN. ONLY  
THE GOVERNMENT CAN MAKE SUCH IMPORTATION. OWNERSHIP OF  
"WAR GUNS" IS ALSO FORBIDDEN BY LAW. IF A PERSON WANTS  
TO OWN SUCH A GUN, A SPECIAL PERMIT HAS TO BE OBTAINED  
FROM THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

4. NO SPECIAL FORM IS USED FOR THE IMPORT PERMIT. THE  
IMPORTER MAKES HIS REQUEST ON PLAIN PAPER (OR COMPANY  
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LETTERHEAD) AND THE APPROVAL IS AFFIXED ON THE SAME

PAPER WITH SEALS ETC. BY THE CAPITAL POLICE.

5. A PERSON WHO WISHES TO BUY A FIREARM AND/OR AMMUNITION FROM A RETAIL DEALER MUST FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE POLICE AUTHORITIES. WITH THE PROPER AUTHORIZATION HE CAN GO TO A SHOP AND BUY A FIREARM AND/OR AMMUNITION. THE DEALER MUST REPORT THE SALE OF A FIREARM TO THE AUTHORITIES (INDICATING THE NAME OF THE BUYER, ADDRESS, SERIAL NUMBER OF FOREARM, QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION, ETC). ALL THIS DATA MUST BE ON THE COPY OF THE INVOICE.

6. AT THE TIME OF IMPORTATION, THE CUSTOMS BROKER MUST REMIT TO THE AUTHORITIES A COPY OF ALL THE CLEARING DOCUMENTS (INVOICE, BILL OF LADING, ETC) WHERE ALL THE FIREARMS WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE SERIAL NUMBERS ARE LISTED.

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